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Campus wireless connection no longer down

BY TROY ROMANS
NEWS EDITOR

Network Technology Services implemented a software update early this morning to fix the latest wireless connectivity issue for students on the Danforth campus.

The most recent problem surrounding the wireless connection on campus arose from the wireless cards in many individuals' laptops.

"People would disconnect, and then the system would not recognize their connection so they had to reboot to connect," said Scott Ladewig, manager of operations and the Olin School of Business.

The software update this morning should have fixed the connectivity problems many students are still experiencing.

"Rebooting access should be fixed, and other schools with the same problem have indicated that [the software update] worked," said Ladewig.

Wireless problems on campus

come after continued connectivity issues for student throughout the campus. Freshman Rachel Teune has been frustrated with her connection on the South 40, so she tried to use the wireless connection yesterday for Internet access.

"When I'm on the South 40 it really sucks... my [AOL Instant Messenger] is slow and my e-mail is usually slow. Normally when I come [to main campus] it's usually working, but I was let down," said Teune. "I just can't get any wireless connection. It says my computer isn't even hooked up to [the wireless service] and I can't even get a wireless list."

The Washington University wireless network started experiencing problems early last week. Initially, students could not access off-campus sites from the campus wireless network. Later on in the week, users were routinely dropped from the server.

"All the access points kept rebooting, which dropped the connection," said Ladewig. "When access points were rebooting, it

was everyone. People would report that everyone in the room lost their connection at the same time."

The new software update will require students to set up their wireless connections again. The new system is more complex than its predecessor, and Ladewig expects some students to have difficulties.

"There's the transition problem," said Ladewig. "People have to learn how to log in to the new system. There's a few more steps to take, but it's a far superior system."

Many other schools have had similar problems with their wireless networks and individual network cards. This made the process of finding the fix significantly easier for Network Technology Services, as they could quickly pull from other schools' knowledge about what needed to be implemented.

Ladewig noted that though much of the explanation went

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Freshman Rachel Teune studies in Olin Library on Sunday, Feb. 4. Teune said that she was unable to connect to the University's wireless network.

Students wary of need-based aid program

BY SARA RAJARAM
STAFF REPORTER

Approximately 800 Washington University undergraduates are eligible to receive financial and academic assistance from a national program, but only 200 students are currently receiving these services.

TRIO, a support program funded by the Department of Education, provides assistance to students who are either first-generation, low-income, or disabled. The name dates back to the 1960s when there were three programs under TRIO. Although a large number of undergraduates are eligible to receive aid, the University is only able to provide for 200 students each year due to limited funding from the federal government.

"An unexpectedly large number of Wash. U. students

are eligible for TRIO. It's a great program, but due to financial limitations it is only able to serve a limited amount of students," said junior Marquita James, a TRIO program leader.

The amount of aid per TRIO student ranges from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. Students also receive specialized services such as academic advising, study help, preparation for graduation, school exams, and free admission to seminars and off-campus cultural programs.

The 200 students are selected on the basis of having the most financial need, and once a student is admitted, he or she receives the services for all four years of education. Two-thirds of the selected students are both low-income and first-generation, and the remainder is composed of a combination

of students who fit one of the three criteria for eligibility.

The University receives a \$1.5 million grant every four years to run TRIO, of which approximately \$220,000 is spent each year. Of the top-ranking colleges, the University is the only one to receive federal funding for a TRIO program.

"Income levels tend to be higher in top universities so they are less likely to receive funding," said senior LeMar Moore, a TRIO program leader and recipient.

Tavonia Strickland, the University's TRIO program coordinator, estimated that 50 out of the 200 selected students either are reluctant to join or opt out entirely because they feel uncomfortable joining a need-based program in a school with a relatively high-income base.

"Some students come

to Wash. U. assuming that there might be some help attached to being a low-income, disabled, or first-generation student, so they try to disassociate themselves from the program," said James.

On Feb. 23, the University will celebrate TRIO Day, a nationally honored day to promote the awareness of TRIO programs. On that day, TRIO students will speak to high school students, who are potentially eligible to join TRIO, on financial aid and college application strategies. On the following day, TRIO students will perform community service before celebrating.

"We want to get out to others on more of what TRIO is so there is not a stigma attached to it, and students will see it as another resource available to them," said Strickland.

Student Super Bowl ad team stars in reality Web series

BY PUNEET KULIPARA
STAFF REPORTER

Washington University's three-person team for the Chevrolet's College Super Bowl Ad Challenge did not win the competition, but they gained fame and experience along the way. The trio was recently featured in a series of Webisodes on CBS's Web site.

The results were announced Feb. 2 Webisode with the University of Wisconsin's team emerging victorious.

The three students, seniors Hubert Cheung, Nathan Heigert and Shimo Goltz, composed the team, which beat out 820 other teams to become one of five finalist teams in the quest to devise an advertisement for the automobile giant, to be aired in last night's Super Bowl, traditionally one of the most heavily watched programming events in the country.

The group, as part of the final stage of the quest, recently traveled to Detroit for two days to create storyboards, meet with Chevy executives and prepare an advertisement concept to present to the executives.

The members have been featured in several short reality episodes on the Web site of CBS.com, which broadcast the Super Bowl and teamed up with Chevrolet to sponsor the advertisement competition. The Webisodes, which aired Jan. 22 and ran through Feb. 2, followed each group's quest to create a worthy Super Bowl advertisement and to convince Chevy executives.

According to Heigert, who is a visual communications major in the School of Art, "It's mostly the camera crew following us around as we did everything that the weekend consisted of: going on tours of [General Motors Corp.] headquarters and talking with executives from Chevy and preparing our pre-

sentation and refining the concepts for our advertisements."

The group members found it to be an educational, though somewhat daunting, experience.

"At first it was a little bit distracting and uninteresting because I didn't exactly know what they were going for," said Goltz, who is also a visual communications major in the School of Art. "It was a lot to take in in four days, getting used to being on camera, being in a professional environment, and learning how to adapt to working with professionals."

"Within a day or so we got used to being on camera, and it became fun at that point because it wasn't so new and we were comfortable," Goltz added.

The group members, despite not winning, still enjoyed the experience greatly.

"Even though we didn't win, I absolutely have no regrets because I think our team did a great job, and I did what I was able to do," said Goltz.

"I think we kind of expected that the odds were long, and it was a long shot to even get there, so we were thrilled to have the experience of being the finalist," said Heigert.

Goltz and Heigert credited the strength of the programs in the School of Art with greatly aiding the trio in creating an advertisement concept, especially from a conceptual point of view.

"I think that [in] terms of good ideas and especially articulating them, this program has really helped," said Goltz. "And also I had the skills necessary to work in a team and create something that was relatively close to what I had imagined."

"I think that when we got to the competition in Detroit we really realized that the pro-

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A CAUTIONARY NOTE



The cast of Black Anthology performs in Edison Theatre on Friday, Feb. 2. This year's play, titled "Refrain: A Cautionary Tale," focused on the trials and issues facing blacks in the music industry. Black Anthology was written by students and directed by senior LeMar Moore.

Free pregnancy tests hit campus



Phi Lambda Psi, the Greek women's health organization, has started offering pregnancy tests on campus. Get the scoop on what students think about it. News, Page 2

Women's b-ball: one win, one loss



The Lady Bears hit the road this weekend, failing to NYU but repeating their victory of Brandeis. Sports has photos of the Lady Bears in action. Sports, Page 6

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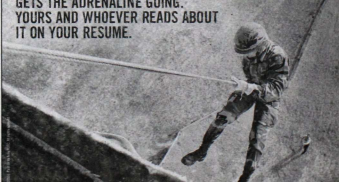
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Briefs

INTERNATIONAL

340,000 homeless in Jakarta floods

At least 20 people have been killed and almost 340,000 forced from their homes as desperate residents of Indonesia's flood-stricken capital suffered through the rising waters. Muddy floodwaters rose as high as 13 feet in some places, and may continue to rise. The government has dispatched medical teams to the worst hit districts to prevent outbreaks of disease among residents without clean drinking water. The floods started due to high rainfall Thursday in both Jakarta and the hills south of the city, which triggered the worst flood in recent memory. Tens of thousands of homes, schools and hospitals had to be evacuated as a result of the flood. Additionally, authorities have cut off electricity and water to many districts.

Airstrike kills senior Taliban leader

A precision airstrike led by U.S.-controlled NATO troops killed a senior Taliban leader, Mullah Abdul Gafur, on Sunday in the militant-ridden city of Musa Qala, Afghanistan. Approximately 200 Taliban members are thought to be stationed in Musa Qala, and led by Gafur and his associates. Musa Qala was the site of severe fighting between British and Afghan troops last summer and fall. According to the Associated Press, 4,000 people have been killed in insurgent-related incidents in Afghanistan in 2006. NATO, which recently had a changeover with American leadership, has plans to keep removing insurgents throughout the spring with land and air attacks.

Nanomachines could be reality

Scientists at the University of Edinburgh have developed a new motor mechanism for a

nanomachine, a device about 80,000 times smaller than the thickness of a human hair. Maxwell's device traps molecular-sized particles as they move, and does not need energy because it is powered by light. The new motor will allow scientists to do things much closer to what biological machines do. Nanotechnology is already in use in cosmetics, computer chips, sunscreen, self-cleaning windows and stain-resistant clothing.

NATIONAL

Trio of tornadoes strike Florida

Winds over 160 miles per hour left 1,500 homes destroyed and 20 people dead in the aftermath of the three twisters and tornadoes that hit central and eastern Florida this weekend. President Bush declared four counties as disaster areas, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Florida National Guard are teaming up to increase food and water distribution. Although the

National Weather Service issued tornado warnings on Friday at 3 a.m., the early hours prevented many people from evacuating. Early reports have blamed El Niño for the outbreak of storms.

LOCAL

Area man found guilty of first-degree murder

Kenneth Baumruk, a St. Charles native charged with murdering his wife and shooting four other people 15 years ago, was found guilty by a local jury this Saturday. Baumruk will either face a life sentence or a death penalty, with the decision hearings to be started on Monday. Prosecutors argued that Baumruk was suffering from a "delusional disorder" during the shootings and afterwards, causing the postponement of the trial for several years. The shootings occurred during a 1992 divorce proceeding with his wife, where Baumruk was said to have snapped "in the heat of the moment."

UNIVERSITY

Physicist recognized for revolutionizing astronomy

Physicist Ernst Zinner has spent the past 30 years studying new techniques in examining interstellar space dust. His development of the secondary ion mass spectrometry (SIMS) technique has afforded new strides in astronomy, such as tracking the evolutionary history of the Milky Way galaxy. In recognition of Zinner's contributions to astronomy, the Department of Physics and Earth and Planetary Sciences hosted a scientific symposium with over 125 scientists this weekend. Entitled "SIMS in the Space Sciences: The Zinner Impact." In 2000, Washington University acquired the world's first nanoSIMS, which can resolve nanoparticles of dust, for \$2 million.

It's coming....

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Student business offers housing advice

BY JOSH HANTZ
SENIOR EDITOR

Senior Mark Sawyer remembers his struggle to find off-campus housing after his sophomore year. And he didn't want other students, both here and nationwide, to go through that same frustration.

Last February he founded Moving Off Campus, a business dedicated to finding off-campus housing for students. It also offers opportunities for subletting, roommate searching, and property listing.

"Knowing that the situation of finding off-campus housing was difficult for college students, as I was going through it myself, I wanted to establish a single resource whereby students could go and compare a high volume of different apartments that they could possibly live in around their school," said Sawyer.

Since the company's opening, when it served Washington University and Saint Louis University, it has expanded to five more states including Illinois, Tennessee and Massachusetts, focusing heavily on college towns like Chicago and Boston. And it is in the process of expanding to California, Nebraska, South Carolina and New York.

To fuel this expansion, the company is seeking campus representatives in charge of finding all available properties near a specific campus, building a network of property owners, and hiring and managing promotion teams. According to the owner, the representatives basically run their own business, developing their own client base, marketing strategy and day-to-day operations.

Here's how the general process works. Students first visit the Web site MovingOff-Campus.com, customize their search based on desired price range, number of bedrooms and distance from a specific campus, and sign the lease if it works out. The company pays students \$100 if they tell the landlord they found the apartment through the site.

After experimenting with different ways of earning revenue, Sawyer and his student staff decided to make the Web site referral-based. Property owners post their listings for free, students use the site for free and the company earns a flat fee for each lease signed, usually around \$300.

Sawyer said the company is different from the popular site Craigslist in that it offers more information like maps and floor plans and is relevant to a student's specific school.

"We add a personal touch to it because we are students at the school or we know students who go to the school," he said.

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"There's tremendous opportunity for growth and profit-making," said Sawyer.

Moving Off Campus is also in the process of working out exclusive deals with furniture stores and storage companies to create a complete package of moving in and out of apartments. These deals will be offered at a discounted price for students using the site. Sawyer wants his business to become a single, one-stop resource for students.

Free pregnancy tests offered on campus

BY ANDREA WINTER
STAFF REPORTER

Free pregnancy tests are now available on campus. Phi Lambda Psi began offering students this resource as of last Wednesday.

The free tests are located in two women's restrooms on campus: one on the second floor of the Women's Building and one in Student Health Services.

"We looked for accessible, discreet locations," said junior Sam Lortoff, the president of Phi Lambda Psi.

Rebecca Silverman, a senior and Phi Lambda Psi's vice president of external programming, said that the organization chose the Women's Building because they thought that it would be more convenient than the South 40 for off-campus students.

The tests come in envelopes with instructions on how to take a pregnancy test as well as pamphlets on what to do if you are pregnant. The packet also provides contraception information and sexual violence anonymous report forms.

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) previously provided students free pregnancy tests on campus. After the WRC closed, Student Health Services asked Phi Lambda Psi if it was interested in reinstating this resource.

Phi Lambda Psi, an organization of 13 sorority women who are dedicated to the furthering of women's health issues, answered in the affirmative.

"It is important for students



Phi Lambda Psi, the Greek Women's Health and Wellness Honorary, provides free pregnancy tests and information pamphlets in a women's bathroom in the Women's Building. The items are also available in the women's bathroom in the Habib Health and Wellness Center.

to have access to pregnancy tests so that they can know their options as early as possible and calm their minds if they are not [pregnant]. Also, it is far less intimidating to pick up a pregnancy test in a bathroom than it is to purchase one at the store," said Lortoff.

Senior Nicole Sugar, the membership chair of Phi Lambda Psi, said, "We just thought of something we could do to get our name out there. We thought it was a necessary resource that it was not provided, and it is cost-efficient to do it."

Funding for the tests comes partially from Phi Lambda Psi's resources but primarily from

Student Union. Phi Lambda Psi has ordered 500 tests and it is in the process of ordering more.

Many students have already accessed this resource since last Wednesday. "About 20 people have taken tests from the Student Health Center so far. It's good that the demand was there and it was something that we could fill. I am glad the response was so quick because it shows that there was a need for this on campus," said Silverman.

Phi Lambda Psi anticipates that the free tests will be available in the future. "We ordered them in bulk so we should have

"We know what properties are important to students and what properties are close to them, so we tailor it to every campus."

Moving Off Campus currently employs 13 Washington University students who hold positions from regional manager to Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The regional managers are in charge of campuses in different parts of the country, overseeing the campus representatives.

Sophomore Dave Silverman, CFO and Massachusetts regional manager, discussed the benefits of working for the company.

"It's good because you're working with people you understand where you're coming from," he said. "Our motivations are somewhat aligned in that we're all the similar age. And we all have a drive to succeed."

Junior and COO Ray Gogberg elaborated.

"It's a rewarding experience to learn about the ins and outs of business on a daily basis," he said. "You're teaching yourself as you go. And it's exciting to work with your clients on a professional level. It adds a level of professionalism to daily life."

After graduation, Sawyer intends to run the business full time.

plenty for the rest of the semester. We hope it continues in years to come," said Sugar.

By painting the overpass, sending out Facebook announcements, and by distributing fliers, Phi Lambda Psi has been working hard to ensure that all students are aware of the free tests.

Many female students are pleased to have this resource available. To put it simply, junior Julia Mancini said, "That's rad."

Sophomore Katty Mattos said, "I think it's great for people to have a local, easy source to get those kinds of things, versus students having to walk to Walgreens. It's good there is something so close."

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to students in the business school, wireless issues appeared throughout the Danforth campus.

"We've got the most users, so people may have noticed it here first," said Ladewig. "Things seem to be better now."

AD ♦ FROM PAGE 1

gram of visual communications in the School of Art really emphasized the development of conceptual ideas in a way that other schools really didn't have," said Heigert.

With the contest now over, the group members now have something else to add to their resumes as they graduate from the University.

"I wish that we would have

won but I think that we had a really good idea, and I have a good portfolio piece which will help me for after school," said Goltz.

"I think we're just proud to represent Washington University and help forward the exposure that the school is getting," said Heigert.

Cheung could not be reached for comment.



Seniors Shlomo Goltz, Nathan Heigert, and Hubert Cheung pose on the couch while watching the Super Bowl with friends at an apartment north of the Loop on Sunday, Feb. 4. They were finalists for the Chevy College Ad Competition.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

SI: support mixed housing on getting to class faster

On Jan. 24, Student Union Senate discussed endorsing a measure in support of allowing students of opposite genders to live together in Residential Life housing. Student Union (SU) decided to take the matter this past Wednesday to try to get more input from the GLBQ/TAIA community regarding the wording of the resolution. While we are disappointed that the Senate could not throw their support behind mixed-gender housing just yet, having the issue on the agenda is certainly a laudable first step on the part of SU.

The merits of mixed-gender housing have been discussed previously in this section in response to past ResLife proposals. But the tipping point in getting such a proposal to become policy would be a signal of student approval. A previous poll reported that 67 percent of the student body would be in favor of mixed-gender housing, but

only 32 percent of students responded, leaving open the possibility that the results of the poll did not accurately represent the opinion of the student body as a whole. An endorsement from SU, however, would be a further signal that the student body does support mixed-gender housing. As the representative body of the students, SU's actions could very well be perceived as a reflection of the student body in this matter by ResLife.

It would be undeniable proof that students are ready and students support it," said Speaker of the Senate Eric Gradel. Associate Director of Residential Life Cheryl Stephens stated, "It's really important to the administration that the impetus for change comes from the students, so I think that anything they do is going to help." As such, a concrete sign of student approval like an SU resolution supporting mixed-gender housing in addition to the previous poll, could

be enough to impel the administration to allow students of opposite genders to live together. "Thankfully, Senate appears to realize the importance of mixed-gender housing as well. It would give students more freedom," Gradel explained. "Many of us have friends that live of the opposite gender... and people who identify with another gender should be able to live with that gender." Furthermore, the minutes of the meetings declared that supporting mixed-gender housing would "attack an issue of oppression on this campus." And not having mixed-gender housing is indeed an issue of oppression. As Stephens stated, the current ResLife policy forces students who would want to take advantage of mixed-gender housing to "out themselves." This forces students who are uncomfortable with living with a member of their sex to either come out, an incredibly hard thing to do, or have a miserable

living situation. ResLife has consistently said that their goal is to give students as close to an ideal living situation as possible. Allowing mixed-gender housing is a necessary step to achieve that goal.

Stephens said that there are even parents of incoming freshmen who have asked for mixed-gender housing for their kids. Given enough student support, the answer to that question can soon become yes. "90 percent of students might not know that this can soon be an option," said Gradel, who hopes to reintroduce this resolution this coming Wednesday. An SU resolution should ultimately prove that there is student support. Taking up the discussion was a good start, and after consulting with the GLBQ/TAIA community, SU should formally throw its support behind mixed-gender housing.

BY TOM BUCHTER
STAFF COLUMNIST

Throughout the college spectrum, a few problems attack indiscriminately. Big colleges and small colleges, private and public, good and bad, all are affected. One such example is the homework load. Another is the necessity of maintaining a good GPA, while also achieving the mandatory partying demanded by college. But the most pressing of these is a simple issue. I'm speaking of getting to class on time. For some, this is a problem of making it across campus in a mere seven minutes—no small task, let me tell you. Others have difficulty making it to their next class on time when their previous class always gets out five minutes late. But for most of us, this falls into the realm of the obvious—those who wish to sleep for just a few more minutes.

Obviously, there are many possible solutions to this problem. These include running, clamping down on tardiness, and actually getting up earlier. Last week, Student Life suggested that the passing period be increased to ten minutes ("Seven minutes in hell," Jan. 29, 2007). All of these solutions are far too sensible to work out well. I suggest something radically different. Something extreme. Something that is perfectly appropriate for this campus. I suggest that every freshman be given a sign, way upon his entrance into Washington University in St. Louis.

Before we listen to the naysayers, let's look at the benefits. First, class attendance would go up. Who wouldn't want to ride to class in style and comfort? Second, the in-class experience would improve perceptibly. By this I mean that since everyone is getting to class on time, the first 15 minutes of class (especially of those early morning classes) would not be filled with interruptions. No longer

would hang over students be climbing over their classmates twelve minutes into the lecture. Third, it would almost certainly cement Wash. U. in the collective consciousness of the nation. We would be "that crazy school" that gives everyone Segways. Who wouldn't want to come here? I know it'd be an incentive for me. Fourth, student happiness rates would most likely rise. This would lead to a rise in the all-important U.S. News & World Report rankings. We've been dropping off in recent years—we'd need something like this to give us a boost. We'd be hitting academic homers like Mark McGwire on steroids. Except not illegal, and out in the open.

I suppose there are reasons against this as well. Some people might suggest that the university give us bikes instead. I invite these people to join the 21st century. Besides, not everybody knows how to ride a bike, and we don't want to encourage discrimination. The biggest problem, however, is probably the cost. But don't think it would really be that big of a deal. So tuition goes up about two to three thousand next year. So what? I'd probably have gone up by at least that amount anyway. Besides, 60 percent of Wash. U. students receive some sort of financial aid. I'm sure that this would be covered. As for those who do not receive aid—they're rich! I'm sure they can more than stomach the slight hike in tuition.

All in all, the benefits far outweigh the costs. At this point, giving a Segway to every student just seems like common sense. If we do not go forward with this plan, then we're tired disciples of an older age, a time when people were forced to actually move their limbs in order to maneuver around a college campus. We should put those times behind us forever.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnists misunderstand abortion, Iraq

Dear Editor:

Two of the January 24 editorial columns in Student Life were particularly interesting:

First, Forum Editor Nathan Everly made an extremely valuable observation in noting that charges of moralism intermingling with politics are often misplaced ("A lesson from Roe v. Wade anniversary," 1). I have yet to see a legislative bill that seeks to restrict abortion in the interest of saving "innocent" souls. The fact that abortion demographically impacts our nation (especially future progressive voters), removes any consequences to the exploitation of women, and undermines a just society by making everyone in that society optional are all points that an atheist could make. If religions adopt these positions, perhaps it is because God wants a healthy society. The civil rights movement was no unwarranted religious

interference in politics, even though it was organized out of churches and led by a minister who regularly invoked God. While the Catholic Key column to which he refers might suggest a genuine pro-life position must be more than opposition to abortion, I doubt it suggests a pro-life position can lack opposition to abortion. Any practice that eliminates over 1 million Americans each year and tells the nation's children their very existence can be traded for other considerations warrants special attention.

Second, speaking of special attention, I reserve that for Christian Sheridan's claim of "genocide" against Iraqi Sunnis. This Iraq veteran will give consideration to any good-faith criticism of the Iraq War. However, since genocide requires obedient executioners, Sheridan's charge insults every Iraq veteran as an accomplice to mass extermination.

While Sheridan writes about

what he thinks is going on in Iraq from his desk in London, there are plenty of men his age actually on the ground there. They are patrolling the streets, waving at kids and wondering why of the innumerable piles of trash and abandoned cars on the Iraq roadways might hold IEDs. They are pulling security outside meetings between United States forces and Iraqis on fixing wells, rebuilding schools, and encouraging police presence. They are escorting medals to treat villages in remote areas. You will not see this work appear in a headline such as "100,000th Iraqi Life Saved," because it is easy to track casualty counts and nearly impossible to track deaths that did not happen.

If you are looking for something more closely resembling genocide in Iraq, I would suggest that Sheridan study Saddam's systematic campaigns against the Kurds and Shiites over the past decade. Or look to today's suicide bomber who

willingly blows up people simply out shopping at the market, whom the term "insurgent" is too dignified. If still unconvinced, you may wish to enlist, volunteer for overseas duty, and then demonstrate to your fellow soldiers how to avoid participating in genocide.

—Bryan Kirchoff
University College

We are going to live!

Dear Editor:

My brain hurts after reading Greg Allen's article, "You are going to die" (Feb. 2, 2007). This is funny. Newsweek has stated that North Korea is the "most human rights violating state in the world." One of our hard-working student organizations, Liberation in North Korea (LNC), is committed to promoting awareness about the current crisis. North Korea comes under scrutiny only when missile-based saber rat-

"homogenous blob of subatomic goo." With this in mind, there are several things I'd like to point out.

Firstly, you may believe that every speck of our existence will "disintegrate into an equal distribution of cold heat" whatever that means, but I believe in living beyond the grave. Along with the optimistic belief of Wash. U., I stand for the notion that anyone can transcend both space and time. All you need is faith and commitment.

Secondly, it is unfortunate you decided to mention North Korea so blindly. It may be your element of satire, but I do not find it clever and I do not find it funny. Newsweek has stated that North Korea is the "most human rights violating state in the world." One of our hard-working student organizations, Liberation in North Korea (LNC), is committed to promoting awareness about the current crisis. North Korea comes under scrutiny only when missile-based saber rat-

ting occupies the world sleeps while labor camps continue to exist in the current communist regime. With your thoughtless association to "nukes," you are demeaning individuals who have sought to remind others of the day we decided "Never Again." I ask you to be careful with your references.

Finally, although I reject your article's excessive reminders of death, I am okay with you and your legacy becoming victims of the "deleke key." (Bummer for you, I guess.) Rest assured in knowing I am not accusing you of some sort of vicious macabre fetish. Needless to say, we know of our mortality—we're not stupid. So as I eagerly delete your article from my memory, I apologize—only to you—for my lecture about North Korea. It is just one human being's attempt to make a difference in this world.

Kevin Chung
Class of 2009

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ALBUM REVIEW

Fall Out Boy: 'Infinity on High'

BY ANDREW SENTER
CADENZA REPORTER

Fall Out Boy's new album, "Infinity on High" is a diverse and entertaining album of catchy pop-punk songs. But, unlike many other albums in the same vein, "Infinity on High" never feels worn or tired. Fall Out Boy's musical versatility is showcased throughout the album, making almost all of the songs sound innovative.

One of the greatest highlights of "Infinity on High" is not an irresistibly catchy song like "Dance, Dance" or "Sugar, We're Goin' Down." Instead it is "Golden," a poignant ballad placed in the middle of the album. An oasis in a CD full of fast-paced songs, "Golden" delights the listener with its expressiveness. Patrick Stump, the lead singer of Fall Out Boy, sings its lyrics with conviction: "And I saw God cry in the reflection of my enemies/And all the lovers with no time for me."

Even though "Golden" is a beautiful respite from the pop-punk songs that dominate the album, this doesn't mean the rest of the album is poorly done. On the contrary, "Infinity on High" consistently engages the listener with its songs. The album is full of great pop songs such as "THINKS F* TH MMR'S." In this song, Stump sings with a boyish glee that makes it irresistible. "The Take Over, the Breaks Over" is another straight-ahead pop-punk song that Fall Out turns into an instant sing-along.

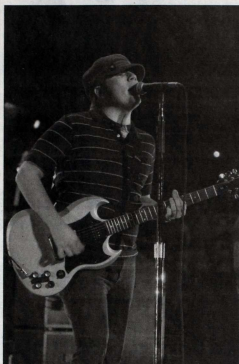
The ability of "Infinity on High" to remain creative throughout is highlighted in numerous songs. "Bang the Diddrums" is a fantastically energetic song that has an undeniably fun chorus, "Best friend, best friends till the end/better off as lovers and not the other way ..."

Fall Out Boy
Infinity on High

Rating: ★★★★★

Tracks to download:
"Thriller," "Hum Hallelujah," "Golden," "THINKS F* TH MMR'S"
For fans of Panic! at the Disco, All-American Rejects, The Early November

Whoa-ho-ho-whoa." Another song that highlights Fall Out Boy's inventiveness is "Hum Hallelujah." In the middle of the song the entire band except the drums fall out, with a faux-chorus singing "Hum Hallelujah" on top of them. It is moments like this that make "Infinity on High" a step above most modern pop-punk albums. Unfortunately, the album has a few songs that are not particularly distinct, like "Fame-Infinity" and "You're Crashing, But You're No Wave." However, these songs are in the minority, with more inventive tracks such as "Hum Hallelujah" dominating the majority of the album.



Fall Out Boy performs live at 2100's Jingle Ball 2005 held at Madison Square Garden in New York, on Friday, Dec. 17, 2005.

Fall Out Boy's new record "Infinity on High" is consistently refreshing. Almost all of its songs are musically exciting and original. There

are only a few missteps, but the majority of the songs are both catchy and entertaining.

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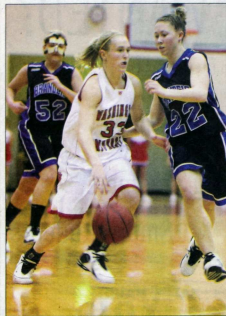
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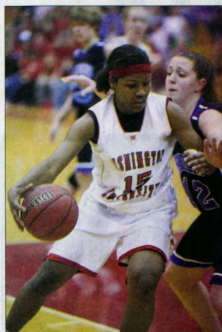
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Women's basketball update

The 11th-ranked women's basketball team went 1-1 on the two-game road trip. The squad struggled in an 83-58 loss to NYU on Friday, but bounced back to take a tough 51-45 victory over Brandeis on Sunday. Read more about the weekend's action in Wednesday's Student Life.



Sophomore Halsey Ward dribbles past Brandeis defenders at a recent home game. Ward sunk two 3-pointers to help WU defeat Brandeis on the road this weekend, 51-45.



Sophomore Jaimee McFarlin pushes past a Brandeis player at a recent home game.

BERMAN ♦ FROM PAGE 8

time from key underclassmen. They'll continue to try and keep notable contributors out of foul trouble. Now is not the time for drastic changes or new offensive schemes. A pair of

rough losses doesn't generally warrant major reform efforts and this team needs to change what it's been doing all season.

After all, it's worked.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

STANDINGS	UAA			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Washington U.	7	2	.778	16	3	.842
U. Chicago	7	2	.778	16	4	.800
Rochester	6	3	.667	15	5	.750
Carnegie Mellon	5	4	.556	12	7	.632
New York University	5	4	.556	16	4	.800
Brandeis	4	5	.444	14	6	.700
Emory University	2	7	.222	8	11	.421
Case Western Reserve	0	9	.000	4	16	.200

UPCOMING GAMES:

Feb. 9	VS. Emory, 8 p.m.
Feb. 11	VS. Case, noon
Feb. 16	@ Carnegie Mellon, 8 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 18	@ Rochester, noon (ET)
Feb. 24	VS. U. Chicago, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

STANDINGS	UAA			OVERALL		
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U. Chicago	5	4	.556	16	4	.800
Carnegie Mellon	2	7	.222	8	12	.400
Emory University	2	7	.222	8	12	.400
Case Western Reserve	1	8	.111	9	11	.450

UPCOMING GAMES:

Feb. 9	VS. Emory, 6 p.m.
Feb. 11	VS. Case, 2 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ Carnegie Mellon, 6 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 18	@ Rochester, 2 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 24	VS. U. Chicago, 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL ♦ FROM PAGE 8

average a heartbreaking 79-78 overtime loss when it visited Wash. U. last Sunday. NYU led for the better part of that contest and held an advantage as large as 13 in the second half. However, the Bears stormed back and tied the game on a

3-pointer by Nading, sending the game into an extra period. The Bears converted 12 of 14 free throws in overtime to grab the win. The Violets committed 36 fouls in the match, 20 more than the Bears. That

led to a 30-point disparity at the charity stripe. However, NYU was able to limit its contact Friday night, cutting its number of fouls in half to 18.

With the loss, Wash. U. moved into a tie with the University of Chicago for first

place in the UAA. It also eliminated the Bears' hopes of becoming just the fourth UAA team to finish a season undefeated in the conference play. The last team to do so was the 2002-2003 Bears.

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Swim Meet Tuesday, Feb. 13
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Softball Thursday, Feb. 15

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Wheaton Invitational	2nd
Lindenwood University	W
WU Invitational	2nd

WOMEN

VERSUS	W/L
Saint Louis University	L
Show-Me Showdown	3rd
DePaul University	W
Maroon Invitational	2nd
WU Thanksgiving Invite	2nd
Wheaton Invitational	2nd
Lindenwood University	W
WU Invitational	1st

UPCOMING MEETS:

Feb. 8-10	UAA Championships, Cleveland, Ohio
Feb. 16-17	Midwest Invitational, Chicago, Ill.
March 8-10	NCAA Women's Championships
March 15-17	NCAA Men's Championships

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MEN

VERSUS	W/L
Rose-Hulman Five-Team	3rd
Engineer Invitational	1st
Titan Open	8th

WOMEN

VERSUS	W/L
Rose-Hulman Five-Team	1st
Engineer Invitational	1st
Titan Open	2nd

UPCOMING MEETS:

Feb. 10	Illinois College Blue Classic Jacksonville, Ill.
Feb. 16	Hoosier Hills Invitational Bloomington, Ind.
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Men's basketball loses to NYU, Brandeis

❖ Violets snap Bears' winning streak

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A 13-game winning streak came to a sudden halt Friday night in the Big Apple.

For the first time in over two months, the Washington University men's basketball team suffered a defeat. A motivated No. 25 New York University squad, playing in front of a packed home crowd, handed the Red and Green a 73-57 loss, dropping the seventh-ranked Bears to 16-2 overall and 7-1 in University Athletic Association play.

The Bears suffered a second loss to Brandeis yesterday, losing out to the Judges 81-75 in triple overtime.

All looked well early in the first half of the NYU match. Wash. U. jumped out to an 11-6 advantage seven minutes into the contest with sharp three-point shooting. However, the Violets answered with the game's next 10 points, which were scored by five different players.

NYU (15-5, 4-4 UAA) built its largest lead of the half at 30-18 after junior Charlie Parker knocked down his second shot from beyond the arc. The Bears converted free throws for the final three points of the period and headed to the locker room trailing 30-21.

Freshman guard Aaron Thompson and junior forward

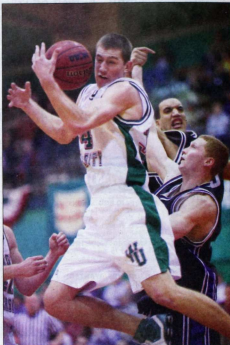
Troy Ruths led the Red and Green with six points each in the opening 20 minutes. Parker paced the Violets with 10 points. Seniors Michael DeCorso and Jason Boone also added eight and seven points, respectively, for NYU.

The Bears deficit increased early in the second half. After four minutes, the Violets' lead grew to 14 after DeCorso converted a layup. Wash. U., answered with its own 12-2 spurt to trim the lead to 4 at 43-39. Ruths knocked down three buckets during the run while sophomore Tyler Nading hit a pair of shots from beyond the arc.

The Violets took a timeout to regroup, though, and put the game out of reach with another run of 10 straight points to regain a 14-point edge. The Bears were able to cut the lead down to 10 with a little over four minutes remaining, but were stymied down the stretch and fell behind by as many as 18. A pair of Bear free throws just before the final buzzer settled the final score at 73-57.

DeCorso was NYU's leading scorer for the contest with 18 points on 5-6 shooting. Parker added 17 while Boone contributed 16 points and collected 11 boards. Nading converted 5-6 from downtown to lead the Bears with 22 points. Ruths, who has averaged 20 points per game during the season, finished with 12.

Sophomore point guard Sean Wallis, who was awarded UAA Athlete of the Week Honors, had a difficult night.



Freshman Cameron Smith bobbles a rebound during a recent home game against Brandeis. The Bears are now 16-3 overall, 7-2 in UAA play.

He scored three points on 1-3 shooting and committed six turnovers. The floor general picked up four quick fouls in the second half and fouled

out with over seven minutes remaining in the contest.

The Violets were looking to See BASKETBALL, page 6

Fear not, Bears fans

❖ Tough week-end losses don't warrant hitting the panic button

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Many close observers of college basketball believe that winning on the road is the most difficult thing to achieve in the sport.

After this past weekend's action, count the Washington University men's basketball team among the believers.

The Bears, previously undefeated in league action, dropped a pair of road games at NYU and Brandeis, respectively.

After falling decisively for the first time all season this past Friday before a packed Coler Center in New York, the young squad looked to come back to campus with at least one victory on the trip.

But Brandeis had other ideas. The Judges, who had lost three consecutive conference titles entering the contest, were in desperate need of a UAA victory to keep any chance at post-season play alive. And they got one. Barely.

The Bears led by as many as eight points with under six minutes to go. Sunday, but Brandeis fought back to take the lead, before Wash. U.'s Sean Wallis hit a basket with four seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

It was in that first overtime that both Wallis and fellow sophomore star Tyler Nading both fouled out. Despite losing two of the team's leading three scorers, the Red and Green managed to force two additional overtimes before ultimately bowing to the Judges.

So, what's next for the men's hoop team?

Just a week ago, the squad sat atop the UAA standings after an unprecedented 7-0 start in conference play. The Field House was packed for a victory over Brandeis, and the Bears surprised perhaps even themselves with an absolutely stunning comeback victory over NYU two days later.

The team stood at 16-1 overall and shot up to number seven in the national rankings. They even received one of the coveted 25 first place votes, meaning at least one D3 expert deemed the sons of Danforth the nation's best team.

No realistic observer of UAA basketball, one of the nation's top Division III conferences, believed Wash. U., or any other UAA team for that matter, would go undefeated in league play this year. After losing two starters from last year's 17-8 squad, prognosticators predicted the team would finish a respectable, but not especially noteworthy, third place in the conference standings.

So, in a way, the team is a victim of its own surprise success. The Bears' near flawless play in the first 17 games of its 24-game regular season schedule came without very many observers acknowledging that the team wasn't supposed to be this good.

And now, with the squad facing back-to-back losses for the first time this year, the murmurs on Internet message boards and general chatter in the Division III hoops community might lead the casual observer to believe that the Bears' sea-

son has uncontrollably spiraled downhill.

The skeptics and naysayers believe the Bears must now address their various Achilles' heels. They'll say that Wash. U.'s failure to win with Wallis and Nading sitting on the bench after both fouling out is evidence of the team's lack of sufficient depth.

They'll point out the uncanny 53 minutes played by freshman shooting guard Aaron Thompson on Sunday and the 44 played by classmate Cam Smith and say that the team is too inexperienced to make a significant run in the NCAA tournament.

What they won't note, however, is that if the league season ended today, the Bears would still be league champs, taking an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and very likely having home court advantage in the first two rounds of postseason action.

They won't note that the Bears have already dealt with great adversity this season, that consecutive losses to two terrific opponents pale in comparison to the adversity the squad faced when junior sharpshooter and then-second leading scorer Danny O'Boyle was lost for the season due to a devastating injury he sustained in the team's fifth game.

Key players Zach Kelly and Jonathan Breshears have also battled injuries all season long, and the team has nonetheless managed to continue its winning ways.

Wash. U. ran into a hot NYU team, desperately in need of a win and desperately seeking revenge after falling in devastating fashion to the Bears just five days earlier. They played before a sell-out crowd in New York City against a nationally ranked NYU team, a tall task for a still young squad with only limited experience on the road.

On Sunday, they came up just short against a Brandeis team which, in spite of some early struggles in league play, has been highly regarded all season.

If the Bears had beaten Brandeis and returned to St. Louis at 8-1 in league play, the NYU loss would have quickly become a distant memory, a mere blip on an otherwise unblemished radar screen.

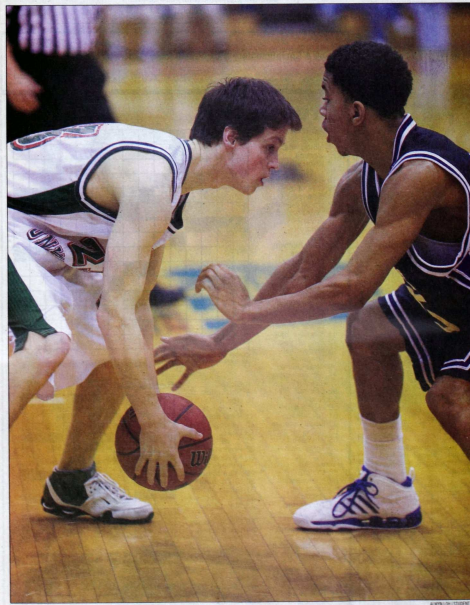
This is a basketball team which knows its limitations and has succeeded in spite of them all year. To claim that a pair of league losses marks the beginning of the end to what has been a thrilling journey would not only be unnecessarily alarmist, but also highly unwarranted.

The Bears return home next weekend to face supposed rival Emory on Friday night and Case Western on Sunday. They'll enter both games as prohibitive favorites, both impressive feats, considering the general youthfulness of the current roster. They'll be favored the following weekend as well, when they go on the road to face Carnegie Mellon and Rochester.

And they will likely also be favored the following Saturday, Feb. 23, when they host the University of Chicago in both teams' season finale and what, if things go as expected, would also mark the league title game.

They'll be competing in these games—as they have all season—by relying heavily upon the contributions and substantive playing

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Sophomore Phil Svyetens goes head to head with a Brandeis player at a recent home game. The men's basketball team lost to Brandeis yesterday, 81-75 in triple overtime.